



Staff Report

- Agenda Item:** **POLICE CANINE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT –**
Discussion and consideration of retiring Clarkdale Police Department's Narcotics Detection Canine, Laser, and relinquishing ownership and liability to his long time handler, Sergeant Chris Wylie.
- Submitted By:** Chief Patrick Haynie
- Meeting Date:** April 13, 2010
- Background:** Clarkdale Narcotics Detection Canine Laser is 8 years old and has been with the Clarkdale Police Department since December 10, 2005 when he was obtained through a K-9 grant program. Typically police canines retire at around age ten or when they start to decline in health or play drive. Most canine officers retire to their handler's home, where they have been raised and trained. Sergeant Chris Wylie has been Laser's sole handler for Clarkdale and has provided his housing, care and training since December, 2005.
- Although the average retirement age for police canines is 10 years old, Laser is exhibiting early signs of hip dysplasia and his play drive has diminished considerably. We do have another officer certified as a Canine Officer who could take over the role as Laser's handler, but the time and resources required to retrain Laser to a new handler do not justify the transition given Laser's deteriorating condition and remaining service life. There are other narcotic detection trained dogs available in the Verde Valley area that we can rely on should the need arise.
- Sgt. Chris Wylie, who retired from the Clarkdale Police Department on April 03, 2010, is willing to accept ownership and liability for Laser, should the Council approve the relinquishment of ownership.
- Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Council approve the Police Canine Transfer of Ownership Agreement between the Town of Clarkdale and retired Police Sergeant Chris Wylie.



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Police Canine Transfer of Ownership

AGREEMENT

The Town of Clarkdale hereby acknowledges the necessity of retirement for Narcotics Detection Canine Laser (hereinafter referred to as "Laser") and relinquishes ownership of Laser to Chris Wylie.

With this transfer of ownership, Mr. Wylie assumes ownership of Laser and assumes all risks of ownership with the knowledge that Laser is a specially trained police service dog. Mr. Wylie agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless the Town of Clarkdale for any future liability, including, but not limited to, any actions of the dog to the Receiving Party or any third parties. The Town of Clarkdale makes no warranties nor any representations concerning Laser and Mr. Wylie agrees that Laser is received "as is".

Gayle Mabery, Town Manager, Town of Clarkdale

Chris Wylie, Receiving Party

State of Arizona)
) SS:
County of Yavapai)

On this, the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared **Gayle Mabery**, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Signature

State of Arizona)
) SS:
County of Yavapai)

On this, the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared **Chris Wylie**, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Signature